

9-3-96

LATHAM, VERA ~~JO~~ JUANITA  
503 SILVER ST.  
WINONA, MS.

283-4204

CURTIS FLOWER IS VERA SON'S BROTHER-IN-LAW  
SON - JIMMY JONES, JR. - ANGOLA - LIVED IN TEXAS

AFTER 9:10 A.M.

BENEVA HENRY'S Front porch.  
FINISHED WALK. 504 Campbell

SAW CURTIS FLOWER - CURTIS SAID HE WAS GOING TO BEN  
HAY Mrs. JONES.

EAST ON CAMPBELL

KNOWN CURTIS - TAUGHT HIM IS 10<sup>th</sup> <sup>MATH</sup> GRADE  
~~AND~~

## STATEMENT OF VERA LATHAM

Today's date is September 3, 1996. the time is now 4:08 P. M. The location is the Winona Police Department. The following is a voluntary statement from Vera Latham of 503 Silver Street, Winona, MS. This is a voluntary statement given to John Johnson, Investigator with the District Attorney's office, and Robert Jennings, Investigator with the District Attorney.

Johnson: Ms. Latham, I want to direct your attention back to July 16, 1996. in the A. M. (morning) did you see Curtis Flowers?

Latham: Yes, I did.

Johnson: Do you know what time that was?

Latham: I do not know the exact time.

Johnson: Do you have a relation to relate the time to.

Latham: It was after 9:10 A. M.

Johnson: How do you know that it was after 9:10 A. M.?

Latham: I walk in the mornings and when I finish walking, I generally look at my watch.

Johnson: When you finished your walk, where were you at?

Latham: I finished my walk and I stopped by a friends house on Campbell Street.

Johnson: What is that friend's name?

Latham: Beneva Henry.

Johnson: You and Ms. Henry were sitting on the front porch?

Latham: That is correct.

Johnson: And you saw Curtis Flowers?

Latham: I did.

Johnson: Was he walking, driving, or what?

Latham: He was walking.

Johnson: In which direction was he walking?

Latham: He was walking toward the East.

Johnson: Walking toward the East. Did he speak to you?

Latham: He did.

Johnson: What was the conversation?

Latham: He said, "Hey, Mrs. Jones. How are you Mrs. Jones?"  
I responded by, "I am good." then I asked him what was he up to. I said, "You are going to be late if you are on your way to work." He said, "No. I am going to the bank."

Johnson: Mrs. Latham, you have known Curtis Flowers for a number of years?

Latham: I have.

Johnson: You taught him in the 10th grade?

Latham: I did.

Johnson: You taught him math?

Latham: I taught him mathematics.

Johnson: You know him when you see him?

Latham: Sure, I know him when I see him.

Johnson: Did Mrs. Henry make conversation with him also?

Latham: No, she did not.

Jennings: Does Mrs. Henry know Curtis?

Latham: I don't know. I think so, but I don't know that.

Jennings: She would also verify what you just told us? That he did pass by?

Latham: She was sitting there and she (inaudible) if necessary.

Johnson: You don't remember anything about Curtis's dress that morning?

Latham: Not anything that sticks out in my mind.

Johnson: Whether he was wearing light or dark clothes?

Latham: No, I do not remember that.

Johnson: Long pants or shorts?

Latham: I think he had on shorts, but I am not sure.

Johnson: Tennis shoes?

Latham: I have no idea.

Johnson: Boots?

Latham: I sure do not know.

Johnson: That concludes the statement. The time is now 4:10 P.M.